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SUBJECT: FOUR-POWER CONVERSATIONS ON SALT

REFERENCE: BONN 19263

1. AT DINNER NOVEMBER 22, KLAUS BLECH, WHO SAID HE WAS SPEAKING ON INSTRUCTIONS OF FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, TOLD ME FRG STRONGLY HOPES WE COULD AGREE TO HAVE FOUR-POWER MEETING ON SALT AND RELATED ISSUES TOWARD LATTER PART OF NEXT WEEK, AS PRELIMINARY TO DISCUSSION BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTERS IN BRUSSELS ON DECEMBER 7. BLECH SAID GENSCHER LOOKS FORWARD TO LATTER SESSION, BUT- FEELS IT WOULD BE MUCH MORE MEANINGFUL AND USEFUL IF A PREPARATORY MEETING WERE HELD TO GO OVER MAIN QUESTIONS AND DEFINE ISSUES ON WHICH MINISTERS SHOULD FOCUS.

2. BLECH NOTED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT WARNKE WILL BE BRIEFING NATO ON SALT DEVELOPMENTS DECEMBER 2. HE SUGGESTED THAT PRELIMINARY FOUR-POWER DISCUSSION, WITH WARNKE PARTICIPATING, COULD BE WORKED OUT AROUND THIS DATE. WHILE BLECH INDICATED FRG HOPED SUCH A MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE IN BONN ON DECEMBER 1, HE SAID TALKS COULD BE HELD WHENEVER IT WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT FOR WARNKE.

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3. GEORGE VEST, TO WHOM BLECH ALSO SPOKE ALONG THESE LINES, CONCURS IN DESIRABILITY OF PRELIMINARY FOUR-POWER TALKS, EVEN IF WE WILL BE PRIMARILY IN LISTENING ROLE.

4. BLECH STRESSED GENSCHER'S PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE

FOUR-POWER DISCUSSIONS AND HIS CONVICTION THAT A PRE-LIMINARY GO-AROUND IS NECESSARY PRIOR TO DECEMBER 7.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW SOONEST SO THAT WE CAN GET BACK TO BLECH.

6. SUGGEST EMBASSIES PARIS AND LONDON BE INFORMED AS APPROPRIATE.
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